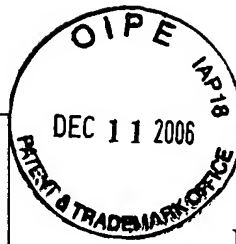


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as set forth below. The enclosed petition for a three-month extension of time extends the deadline for responding to December 6, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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